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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

### In the Claims

Please amend Claims 16, 26 and 31 and add new Claims 37-54 as follows:

-- 16. (Once Amended) The protein crystallography plate of Claim 10, wherein each well is positioned on said frame so as to enable a liquid handling system to automatically deposit the protein solution and the reagent solution into said first well and to automatically deposit the reagent solution into said second well.

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Re: Applicant(s): Ma Sha et al.  
Serial No. 09/811,999  
Filing Date: March 19, 2001  
For: **MICROPLATE FOR PERFORMING CRYSTALLOGRAPHY STUDIES AND  
METHODS FOR MAKING AND USING SUCH MICROPLATES**  
Docket No.: D16117 (WJT003-0003)

Dear Sir:

Transmitted for filing with the Patent and Trademark Office are the following documents for the above-referenced patent application:

1. Preliminary Amendment
2. USPTO Credit Card Payment Form filled out for \$576.
3. Acknowledgment Postcard

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